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TRANSMITTAL LETTER			Case No. 659/930
Serial No. 10/061,038	Filing Date January 30, 3003	Examiner To Be Assigned	Group Art Unit To Be Assigned
Inventor(s) Burazin et al.			
Title of Invention Masking Patterns to Enhance Apparent Opacity of Paper Products			

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Transmitted herewith is Transmittal Letter (in dup.); Information Disclosure Statement; PTO Form 1449; and White Acknowledgment Postcard.

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR §§ 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- ☐ Petition for a _____ month extension of time.
- ☒ No additional fee is required.
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Small Entity	
Rate	Add'l Fee
x \$9 =	
x 42 =	
+ \$140 =	
Total add'l fee	\$

Other Than Small Entity	
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x \$84 =	
+ \$280 =	
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- ☐ A check in the amount of \$_____ to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
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- ☒ I hereby petition under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) for any extension of time required to ensure that this paper is timely filed. Please charge any associated fees which have not otherwise been paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed below and on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. Copies of the listed documents are found in the parent application,

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Patent No. 6,368,667, issued April 9, 2002. If copies of the cited references are desired, please advise.

The references now cited are the following:

No.	Date	Name
4,126,727	11-21-78	Kaminski
4,409,280	10-11-83	Wiley et al.
4,761,205	08-02-88	Crane
4,796,921	01-10-89	Neiman
5,019,202	05-28-91	Kawahata et al.
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Kurt Nassau, Article "Color", Kirk-Othmer Encyclopedia of Chemical Technology, Vol. 6, 1993, pp. 855-858
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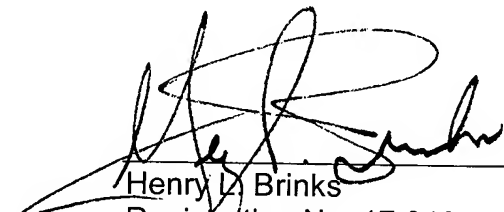
In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g),(h), this Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made and is not to be construed to be an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b).

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to the receipt of the first Official Action reflecting an examination on the merits and hence is believed to be timely filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b). No fees are believed to be due in connection with filing of this Information Disclosure Statement, however, should any

fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be deemed necessary for any reason relating to these material, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this document is enclosed.

Applicant(s) respectfully request that the listed documents be made of record in the present case.

Respectfully submitted,



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FORM PTO 7449	SERIAL NO. 10/061,038	CASE NO. 659/930
LIST OF PATENTS AND PUBLICATIONS FOR APPLICANT'S INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT	FILING DATE January 30, 2002	GROUP ART UNIT To Be Assigned
(use several sheets if necessary)		APPLICANT(S): Burazin et al.

REFERENCE DESIGNATION U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS/ SUBCLASS	FILING DATE
	A1	4,126,727	11-21-78	Kaminski		
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		None				

EXAMINER INITIAL		OTHER ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)
	A14	Instruction Manual for the Technibrite Micro TB-1C, 1995, § 4.15-5.10.
	A15	Fred W. Billmeyer, Jr. and Max Saltzman, Principles of Color Technology, 2 nd ed., New York, John Wiley and Sons, 1981, pp. 57-63, 87.
	A16	Article, Color, by Kurt Nassau in the Kirk-Othmer Encyclopedia of Chemical Technology, Vol. 6, 1993, pp. 855-858.
	A17	Richard A. Hunter, The Measurement of Appearance, John Wiley and Sons, 1975, pp. 106-107, 122-123.

EXAMINER	DATE CONSIDERED
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EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.